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**From:** John Tupper  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 3:10 PM  
**Subject:** Lifting restrictions

Dear Mr. Powell,

If my understanding is correct the commission is about to vote on whether or not to lift restrictions on media conglomerates, allowing them to purchase as many stations and media outlets as they wish. Please do not allow this. I do not want to be subjected to the views and biases of a few individuals or entities. If you want an informed and diverse democracy many views are needed. I do not want to see and hear Clear Channel's views everywhere I go. Please stop this from happening.

Thanks,

John Tupper

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**From:** Janet Smarr  
**To:** Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 3:17 PM  
**Subject:** media consolidations

Dear FCC members: The increasing consolidation of ownership over media has had the profoundly disturbing effect of increasingly limiting the range of information and viewpoints available to the public. You have a duty to the public to make sure that the media ownership does not become so narrow as to undermine democracy. I am therefore appalled to hear that you are planning deregulation which would even further restrict media ownership by allowing the current handful of large media owners to buy each other. I urge you NOT to do this. Already large segments of the population view the media as primarily a propaganda tool of the corporations-and-government. Coverage of the run-up to and war in Iraq has made this painfully clear. Democracy cannot function without a broad range of information and debate. The FCC should be making it harder, not easier, for any corporation to control too much of the media. Sincerely, Dr. Janet Smarr

**From:** Vanessa Joseph  
**To:** KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 3:37 PM  
**Subject:** Media Deregulation

Dear Commissioners Martin and Abernathy:

Further consolidation of our media will greatly restrict our access to information. How can reporting be unbiased when under the control of only a few giant corporations with strong political, economic and social ties to the government? The monopolization of our media will undermine our precious democracy. As a concerned U.S. citizen, I urge you to use your considerable power to prevent media deregulation.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

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**From:** ed cooley  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 4:35 PM  
**Subject:** Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation

Dear Commissioner:

Re: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation.

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As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Oppose media deregulation.

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**From:** Patrik Rousselot  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 4:51 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation.

Dear Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

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Sincerely,

Patrik Rousselot

**From:** athorpe@scetv.org  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 5:06 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

Dear FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

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The FCC should consider how further relaxation of media ownership rules would impact children's programming. Deregulation may reduce competition, increase commercialism and result in less original programming for children.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

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cc:  
Senator Lindsey Graham  
Representative James Clyburn  
Senator Ernest Hollings

**From:** Joseph Martinez  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 5:24 PM  
**Subject:** The public owns the air waves

Dear Commisioner,

The deregulation of the media would be a drastic mistake. How long would it be before there were two or three companies controlling all the public's information. Please consider the future of our country's journalistic interests and our constitution which was written for the people not corporations. Fell free to call me if you wish to discuss this matter further with an average film school student and media addict.

Sincerely,

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**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 5:27 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

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Sincerely,

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Senator Lindsey Graham  
Representative Joe Wilson  
Senator Ernest Hollings



**From:** Cate Hagman  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 6:39 PM  
**Subject:** Allowing more media consolidation will lower quality

Mr. Powell:

I was disappointed to read your remarks claiming that eliminating current restrictions on media ownership will improve the quality of our media. On the contrary, it will simply guarantee that companies will cut corners in reporting, become even more estranged from the communities they supposedly serve, and further lower the standards of what is printed and broadcast. If you have any sense of history or of your obligation to the American people, you will not rush to overturn current restrictions.

As the market currently stands, a handful of companies control nearly everything we read, hear, and see. Few American cities have two competing newspapers, and local radio stations are being driven out by large corporations, such as Clear Channel, which impose a one-size-fits-all approach to local programming.

Television gives the appearance of variety, but those many channels are controlled primarily by five companies, which seem intent on using the airwaves to foist cheaply made "reality" programs on us and to promote their own programs and theatrical releases. Certainly I can't be the only person who has noticed that shows used to promote the latest James Bond movie are being touted as science, history, or biography!

In short, Mr. Powell, there is already considerable consolidation of power, and it has not worked to the service of the people or the improvement of the content of the airwaves. In fact, we are experiencing a race to the bottom in terms of quality, with the news divisions eliminating staff and coverage, and entertainment programming's overreliance on mean-spirited and ephemeral "reality" TV.

If you are interested in preventing your tenure from being cited as a low point in American media history, you will go directly to the American public and Congress, and hold open and lively hearings and town meetings to discuss the future of the media and the implications of changing ownership rules.

The airwaves belong to the American people, not to media moguls.

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**From:** Vachelle McFarland  
**To:** Mike Powell, Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM  
KJMWEB  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 7:05 PM  
**Subject:** Media Deregulation Vote

Dear Commissioner:

Regarding the upcoming FCC vote, further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues, most notably the drive to war in Iraq. As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Thank you,  
Vachelle McFarland  
Los Angeles, CA

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**From:** ElvaKatheryn Beckel  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 8:09 PM  
**Subject:** Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

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April 28, 2003

Federal Communications Commission Chair Michael K. Powell  
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Chair Powell:

The Federal Communications Commission is responsible for ensuring that the media serve the public interest. I am concerned that the FCC is acting on behalf of big business rather than the people.

It is clear that the FCC has stepped up its efforts to de-regulate the media and telecommunications industries. You must act now to halt further media consolidation and to preserve the openness and diversity of the Internet.

As a supporter of women's rights, I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society. Ownership consolidation is squeezing out what little diversity remains in the marketplace.

The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review any further regulations. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Sincerely,

ElvaKatheryn Beckel

**From:** Brian J. Henry  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 8:12 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Brian J. Henry (bhenry@saber.net) writes:

Thank you for coming to San Francisco and listening to the public's comments. It motivated me to contact my representatives with the following letter.

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April 28, 2003

Commissioner Adelstein  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

I am very concerned about the Federal Communications Commission's proposal to further deregulate broadcast media ownership in the upcoming weeks.

For fifteen years, I was the licensee of KLLK (AM), Willits, California and KLLK-FM, Fort Bragg, California (now KMKX, Willits, California). KLLK was the first radio station licensed to Willits and went on the air in 1985.

When the Communications Act of 1934 was passed into law, the FCC was mandated to promote diversity of media ownership. For many years, that meant that the maximum number of broadcast facilities one organization could own was seven AM stations, seven FM stations, and seven Television stations. Broadcasters were required to "ascertain" the needs of the community that their stations were licensed to serve and devote a percentage of their programming to news and public service. Licensees were required to own a station for three years prior to selling it, and license renewals at three-year intervals were not taken for granted. When a new station was constructed, the applicant was required to show that there was sufficient capital to operate the station for eighteen months after completion of construction.

Radio and Television Broadcasting was a profession that was held in very high regard and stature.

Over the past twenty years, I have watched the Federal Communications Commission regulation of the broadcast industry slowly erode. I believe that it is time to rethink some of the decisions that have been made in the past and restore the broadcast media to the stature that it once held.

It is not the FCC's responsibility to insure media profitability and promote economic efficiency. It is the FCC's responsibility to create a broadcasting system that serves the public best, sets reasonable guidelines and enforces them. A licensee should take an FCC violation very seriously. *How does it serve the public interest when one media company is allowed to own approximately ten percent of the radio stations in the United States and has become so large that an FCC violation is merely considered the price of doing business?*

A diversity of media ownership is essential for freedom of speech and maintaining democracy. I feel that instead of looking for ways to reduce media ownership restrictions, we should be looking for ways to

strengthen diversity of media ownership. I fear that if the trend continues, a few corporations with the specific agenda of maximizing profit will control the media in the United States. Any issue that doesn't serve their agenda will not be discussed.

Very soon, the Federal Communications Commission will be auctioning off over three hundred radio station construction permits. With the current regulations, one corporation could outbid everyone for all of them. That thought horrifies me.

Radio and Television stations are licensed to serve specific communities. However, under the current regulations, the main studios can be located as far as twenty-five miles away from the city of license. In 1985, when I placed KLLK on the air, it was the only station licensed to Willits. The law at the time didn't leave much latitude as far as studio location was concerned. Our studios were located in Willits and the public had access to the local ownership. Today, there are three radio stations licensed to Willits and not one of them has studios located there. The community that the radio stations are licensed to serve doesn't even have access to its own media. This is a huge loss. How is this in the public interest? Other examples in the First District that immediately come to mind are St. Helena, Calistoga, and Middletown, California. All of these communities have radio stations licensed to them and none have easy access to them.

It was once a requirement that broadcasters use an FCC licensed technician to oversee the technical operation of the station. This served the public interest in two ways. The quality of the nation's broadcast system was maintained to high standards, and the licensed operator's also had their own licenses at stake which helped to insure that radio and television stations were maintaining their operations to the parameters specified in their license. Since this requirement was deleted, many stations have operated with poor technical standards and in many cases in violation of the technical parameters set forth in their license. Over the fifteen years that I owned my stations, the FCC never once inspected the facilities for compliance with the rules.

The Citizens of the United States deserve a broadcasting system that maximizes diversity of ownership and has a local presence in the communities that broadcast stations are licensed to serve. There cannot be such a thing as too much diversity, but there surely can be too little. Control of the broadcast media needs to be in the hands of the people. The best way to insure this is through diversification of ownership.

I would like to suggest the following re-regulations.

1. Create a reasonable ownership restriction that prohibits ownership concentration, either locally or nationally. Perhaps, ten percent in a market with ten or more stations, and one in a market with less would be adequately diverse. Entities that have acquired greater market penetration should be required to divest of their facilities within a specified time frame.
2. Restore the requirement of ascertaining the needs of the community and specific requirements for news and local public service programming.
3. Require the licensee to maintain studios within the city limits of the community that they are licensed to serve and have a local presence in the community.
4. Require FCC licensed technicians to oversee maintenance of broadcast facilities and adherence to FCC technical rules.
5. Rigorously enforce FCC rules. Inspect stations on a regular basis and levy fines for violations of the rules.
6. Restore the comparative hearing process for new facilities. Radio and Television frequencies should not be commodities that can be bought and sold at will. They belong to the Citizens of the United States. The licensees are public trustees.

Thank you for reading my letter. I would be glad to discuss this further with you or one of the members of your staff should you desire.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Henry

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**From:** Robert Reader  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 9:18 PM  
**Subject:** deregulation

We ask you to postpone any deregulation legislation until thorough, open discussion and debate about the consequences of such legislation can happen.

Our information sources are already largely controlled by corporate owners -- do not add to the harm with this inappropriate legislation that will further diminish our access to varied information sources. The electorate needs free access to news. Help us. That is your responsibility -- otherwise, the FCC need not exist.

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**From:** rizon1@hotmail.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 10:49 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

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Sincerely,

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cc:  
Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Senator Barbara Boxer



**From:** Tracey Schilling  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 11:05 PM  
**Subject:** no further media consolidation

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

Re: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation.

Further consolidation of the media in the name of "deregulation" must be halted. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Oppose media deregulation.

Sincerely,

Tracey A. Schilling

**From:** Hugh  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 11:08 PM  
**Subject:** Media Ownership Issues

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition to the official hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA, I strongly urge the FCC to hold additional hearings elsewhere around the nation to solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

I am my no means an ultra liberal and I am no fan of Big Government. However, it is clear that media deregulation has not worked. Even the biggest supporters of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 are now admitting this isn't what they had in mind.

Government's job is to foster free enterprise by guaranteeing a level playing field. Please understand I am not talking about any kind of guarantee of success for anyone. Free markets will always have winners and losers. And media audiences at large may not pick the kind of formats or publications that I'd like them to. That's life. But the free market system - as it applies to broadcast media in this country - has become so corrupted and distorted since 1996 that something must be done.

First, no more deregulation must occur - particularly in the area of ownership limits and concentration.

Second, Congress should take a close look at restoring some ownership limits. I have no problem with a company like News Corp. (although I can't stand them personally) owning AM-FM-TV and a newspaper in a major market like New York. I would probably also have no problem with a company being able to own 2 AMs and 2 FM's along with a TV station and a newspaper in a major market. But major markets only. Below a certain level (any suggestions?), it should be 1 AM, 1 FM and 1 TV station and no print cross-ownership - at least not without a waiver from the FCC after the individual situation has been examined.

And total media ownership by a single company shouldn't be allowed to cover more than 33% of the country. I'm open to suggestions on how much any over-the-air media company should be allowed to expand into cable.

And - oh yes - any company threatening to bar airplay of recordings by a particular artist unless that artist promotes his or her concerns through them should be brought up on Federal charges - with jail terms in the offing.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Hugh

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**From:** ethandep  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 11:26 PM  
**Subject:** FCC Rules

Dear Ms.Abernathy,

We wish to register our FIRM OPPOSITION to the proposed rules changes on media ownership that are now being considered by the FCC..Allowing consolidation and cross ownership of the news media creates monopolies and will eventually result in censorship of the news.

We want to hear and see all sides of the news of the world, and have the privilege of forming our own opinions from many diverse viewpoints.

Please do not weaken or eliminate rules that now control mergers and acquisitions.

Respectfully,

Seymour Epstein

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**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:33 PM  
**Subject:** Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation

Dear Senators McCain, Boxer, and Hollings:

As a media scholar and a citizen, I am \*extremely\* concerned about the proposals to further deregulate media ownership. I write today to urge you to communicate the dangers of the proposals to Chairman Powell and his fellow commissioners.

Scholarship has shown unequivocally that media companies have failed in their public trust to provide unbiased information about most crucial issues, most notably the recent coverage of the war in Iraq. For the now classic work in this field, see Ben Bagdikian's \*The Media Monopoly\*. (Bagdikian is a renowned scholar and the former Dean of the Graduate School of Journalism at UC Berkeley.)

As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to oppose the further erosions of our public right to know in the name of free trade. Rather than following the folly-strewn path of deregulation, I urge you to challenge the media conglomerates, to open the broadcast spectrum to a diverse range of journalists and opinions, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Sincerely,  
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**CC:** Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy

**From:** Ed Taylor  
**To:** Edward Taylor  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:37 PM  
**Subject:** FCC vote

Dear Commissioner,

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Joan Burds

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Joan Burds

**From:** Jane Gross  
**To:** COMDAILY  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:39 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

RE: Subscription List

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Please make sure I am on the subscription list. Jane.Gross@fcc.gov

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**From:** Elaine Jordan  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 2:43 PM  
**Subject:** Minimizing public access

Dear Ms. Abernathy,

I am a private citizen who enjoys evenings of television when I can, and have been alarmed about the lack of new programming and the swing of your commission to allow communications conglomerates to have their way on the airways. I firmly believe that regulation would be in my interest, insuring the open and free opportunities of all who want to produce programs. New ideas will flourish if you see to it that the industry is properly held in check. Otherwise, you are allowing not a free market to prevail, but a small group to keep control. I know of no better way to stop creativity than for the FCC to abdicate real regulating responsibility. Yes, I did hear Barry Diller speak, and perhaps that have moved me to write this note. He reminded me that we are in danger of limiting earnest efforts to be a part of an exciting industry. I want to have available more than cheap television symbolized by the reality shows. thanks! Elaine Jordan